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Sir:

Please enter the instant correspondence, on the record, in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 09, 2002. Attached, as separate papers, please find: i) a "Petition For A Three Month Extension Of Time" and ii) a "Request For Continued Examination."

Instructions to cancel, without prejudice, the pending claims and clean version of added claims, with instructions for entry, is included beginning on page two of this communication pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), as they should appear following entry of this amendment, is attached as Appendix I.